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C1 - PRIX PRINCELINE - 1600m (a1m) - ALL WEATHER - Class 2 - Flat - EUR € 28,000

1. PRINCE A RIO - Consistent colt with sound form references, including a win (November) and two 3rd-place finishes (December) in three starts at this track, the latest in a Class 2 over course and distance. Big runner

2. RETORT - Reliable Frankel colt who finished 4th in a Class 2 over course and distance in his latest outing on 7 December. Will be a factor

3. MALTOCK D'ORGERES - Has won twice on PSF, including on this track over 1800m. Finished 2nd in a Claiming race over 1900m earlier this month but this demands more of him

4. VEZDARA - Improving last-start winner who opened her account last time by winning a maiden from the front over 1800m at this venue last month. Can follow up with further progress expected

5. PARRHESIA - Debut winner at Vittel in July and has maintained a good level of form and experience since. Finished 4th in a Conditions race over 1600m on PSF at Pornichet-La Baule last month

6. UNIGENA - Confirmed the promise of her debut 5th over 1900m on PSF at Deauville by winning over that track and trip last month. Should have more to offer

Summary: Improving VEZDARA (4) opened her account with a start-to-finish success over 1800m last time and is, with the likelihood of further progress, good value to follow up here. She will, however, be tested by PRINCE A RIO (1), who has a good record at this venue, and RETORT (2) who is closely matched with that rival on recent form.

SELECTIONS

VEZDARA (4) - PRINCE A RIO (1) - RETORT (2) - UNIGENA (6)

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C2 - PRIX DE LA ROUTE DES FERMETTES - 2700m (a1m 1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 19,000

1. NORMFLUCHTIGE - Won back-to-back outings on turf over 2400m at La Roche-Posay in September and, most recently, in a handicap at Amiens over 2900m in November. Has more to do here in her first start on PSF

2. CANOUANN - Improving, lightly raced gelding who finished 3rd over 2100m at Pornichet-La Baule on 27 December. Will be hard to beat with further progress expected over this longer distance

3. GRUSHENKA - Improved for the step up in trip to 3100m last time when finishing 2nd in a Pornichet-La Baule maiden six days ago. Will be a factor here if confirming that progress

4. SALMARAK - Experienced filly with sound references on turf. Was a well-beaten 11th of 16 in her first start on PSF at Pau on 31 December, so is probably best watched for now

5. BELLBIRD - Was a tad disappointing, though not disgraced, when finishing 5th of 9 in a 2500m Maiden last month at Deauville. Retains the means to play a leading role in a race of this nature

6. RIKA DE LA VIS - Showed early promise but has been inconsistent recently. Finished unplaced (9th) in a Class 3 over 3400m on PSF at Deauville earlier this month, so will need to bounce back to be competitive here

Summary: Lightly raced CANOUANN (2) has taken time to come to hand but is on the right track and improving with each outing. He finished a good 3rd last time out and needn't improve a great deal on that effort to open his account here. BELLBIRD (5), who was runner-up here back in November when in the care of André Fabre, has the means to fight for victory in receipt of 2kg from that male rival. RIKA DE LA VIS (6) could prove best of the rest if bouncing back to her earlier form/promise.

SELECTIONS

CANOUANN (2) - BELLBIRD (5) - RIKA DE LA VIS (6) - NORMFLUCHTIGE (1)

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C3 - PRIX DU MARAIS DU LYS - 1500m (a7f 1/2) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 23,000

1. MISSOURI - Won three consecutive claiming races before changing hands and didn't go unnoticed in his first start for connections, finishing 6th in a Conditions race at this venue on 27 December. Not taken lightly

2. ESHIYA - Lightly raced filly who had won two of her three starts, including one here over 1600m, before finishing unplaced (11th) in a Listed race over 1900m on 21 December. This drop in class will serve her interests

3. KLEORA - Only narrowly beaten when 2nd at Deauville on 6 January in her first start on PSF in Class 3 handicap. Will have a role to play

4. CALAS - Consistent PSF performer who made an encouraging comeback after 11 months out by finishing 4th at Deauville over 1900m on 5 January. Ought to have improved his condition

5. ALCANOR - Experienced colt with sound/consistent form references on PSF, including a creditable 3rd in a claimer over 1500m at Deauville last month. Place chance

6. LERY - Debut winner at La Teste-de-Buch in August 2022. Has been consistent, albeit sparingly raced, but has not been seen since finishing 2nd at Tarbes in October and is making her first start on PSF

7. MY UNIVERSE - Seldom finishes far off the mark, although was a well-beaten 9th in a Quinte+ handicap over 1600m at ParisLongchamp when last seen in July. Best watched for now

8. KARELIA - Capable filly with two turf victories to her name but fewer references on PSF. Finished unplaced in her last two outings (both on this surface), so has no more than a place chance here

Summary: ESHIYA (2) won two of three outings before trying her luck last time in a Listed race, in which she finished unplaced, and this drop in grade should see her bounce back to winning ways. KLEORA (3) was touched off in her first start on the PSF at Deauville last time and is likely to pose a threat, along with CALAS (4) who ought to improve following an encouraging comeback outing. MISSOURI (1) completes the shortlist.

SELECTIONS

ESHIYA (2) - KLEORA (3) - CALAS (4) - MISSOURI (1)

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C4 - PRIX DE LA PREMIERE ROUTE RONDE - 1900m (a1m 1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 - Flat - EUR € 23,000

1. I'M A BELIEVER - Consistent for the most part and not disgraced in either of his last two starts (7th) on PSF in Quinte+ handicaps over course and distance, latest of which was back in November. Not taken lightly

2. LINGOTTO - Honest campaigner who won a PSF claiming race off his current mark before finishing 5th at the same level last time on 26 December at Deauville. Outsider

3. O'SSITOT - Inconsistent but an undeniably capable sort who, judged on the form of his 3rd over track and trip in a handicap on 7 December, ought to have a role to play here. Keep safe

4. INKIOSTRO - Last-start winner of a course-and-distance handicap on 30 December. Up 3kg for that win but ought to remain competitive

5. STRAKO - Talented two-year-old in 2022 but raced just twice last year. Made an encouraging comeback (6th) in a Class 3 Conditions race at Deauville on 5 January and ought to have come on since. Warrants respect

6. KLIFF BERE - Consistent performer who has taken well to the PSF and was unlucky to only finish 4th in a handicap over course and distance last time. Good value to gain compensation here

7. ASPIRANT - Runner-up in consecutive claiming races at Deauville recently, the last of which was on 6 January over 1900m. Dark horse

8. CONSORT ROYAL - Has improved in her two starts on PSF after a five-month break from June to November. Won a Class 3 conditions race over 2400m at Lyon-La Soie last time out on 11 December

9. DEL CIELO - Revealed serious means last year but has not been seen since blotting her copybook in a Quinte+ race (handicap) over course and distance on 26 October. Watch for now

Summary: A small but competitive field from which KLIFF BERE (6) is good value to emerge victorious, having been unlucky to only finish 4th over track and trip last time. He gets the nod here ahead of STRAKO (5) who ought to have improved following a pleasing comeback outing at Deauville earlier this month. O'SSITOT (3) and I'M A BELIEVER (1) should acquit themselves competitively too.

SELECTIONS

KLIFF BERE (6) - STRAKO (5) - O'SSITOT (3) - I'M A BELIEVER (1)

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**C5 - PRIX SOLOW - 1800m (a1m 1/8) - ALL WEATHER - Class 1 - Flat -
EUR € 38,000**

1. DAWN INTELLO - Boasts strong, good feature race form and should be very hard to beat. Finished ninth last time but won a Listed over 1900m at Deauville before that. Strong win choice

2. ANGEL'S TRUMPET - Has been competing with aplomb in Italy at various courses and should be able to place in French debut. Last run was in a Group 3 over 2000m when third. Strong chance. Include in all bets

3. PADRE PALOU - Makes his local debut, was a winner of his last start over 1950m at Dortmund and should be competitive in this. Others preferred for the win but has a huge place chance

4. ALREHB - Makes local debut but can be right there at the finish. Has placed fifth in last two which were in Listed races in Great Britain and can be expected to go close. Serious claims

5. SWEET AUTHOR - Will need to improve a lot on local debut when finishing downfield. An outsider with more to do. Include in larger quartet perms. Hard to like

6. ARADOUS - Makes local debut, finished second over 1950m at Dortmund last time. More to do for the win, but can place. Chance

7. MARMARA STAR - Was a winner in Belgium last time and before that was competing successfully in England. Has a place chance in this small line up

Summary: DAWN INTELLO (1) is a good animal. He has been competing with authority in strong feature races recently. He won a Listed race in late November of last year and he is, no doubt, the one they all have to fear the most. ANGEL'S TRUMPET (2) makes his French debut. He has come from Italy where he has acquitted himself well. He could be absolutely anything here and is a must for all bets. ALREHB (4) was not far off them in two Listed races recently and can threaten in his local run. PADRE PALOU (3) won his last start which was at Dortmund over 1950m. He can be involved in the finish.

SELECTIONS

DAWN INTELLO (1) - ANGEL'S TRUMPET (2) - ALREHB (4) - PADRE PALOU (3)

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C6 - PRIX DE LA PLAGE DU LYS - 2100m (a1m 1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 4 - Flat - EUR € 16,000

1. **QUARTZDARGENT** - Running well and knocking loudly at the door albeit against weaker recently. Finished second at Nancy over 3000m last November. Suggest that he is respected and included in this
2. **CAP FAREWELL** - Was seen in a claiming race last time when sixth over 2500m at Deauville. Was a winner five starts back and is a must for everything. Strong each way shout
3. **BOCCIATORE** - Has been in some hot Handicaps recently and takes a considerable drop in competition. Expect progression on latest sixth over 1900m. Can threaten. Place proposition
4. **NIGHTDANCE MAN** - Running well enough to keep us interested. Placed fourth over 3100m in a competitive Handicap at Saint-Cloud in penultimate run and should be right there. Strong place chance
5. **ROMANELLO** - Has patch form, been running in weak races but can be expected to be competitive in this field. Finished third three runs back and despite having to do more for the win, can be included in the quartet
6. **SCREEN SHOT** - A much better effort last time when fourth at Pornichet. Will have a squeak again if confirming that sudden improvement. Hard to assess but last run keeps us interested. Value consideration
7. **ALJADEED** - Makes local start, finished second over 2300m in Belgium last time and could place first up here. More needed for the win but has a place shout. Include
8. **MOMOUR** - Is returning from a long rest but did have competitive form before that. Won penultimate and if not needing it too much, could place. Worth consideration
9. **SHANGHAI SPIRIT** - Can be expected to serve up much better than he has been recently. Last run when eighth over 2500m in a Handicap at Deauville was some hope of better to come. Strong each way chance
10. **AL JAROUD** - Running consistently well of late and would be worth including based on that. Caught the eye when third at this track last time but it was a long time ago. More than likely will need the run but cannot be ignored. Can run fresh. Place
11. **PARTICULIERE DREAM** - Will need to take things a lot more seriously than he has been recently and therefore would be a surprise winner. Advisable to go with others in this line up. Unlikely
12. **I EXCEL** - Will need progression on latest form. Finished sixth in last two and way downfield before that. Others preferred. Very small place chance at best, but unlikely
13. **SUNDAYINMAY** - Current form leaves a lot to be desired and she will need to step up to the plate to threaten. Can be ignored from all bets as would be a shock winner

Summary: SHANGHAI SPIRIT (9) has shown ability but his last few efforts have been way below par. His last run was a lot better when eighth and he is a horse that can never be ignored, especially in a average field such as this. He is selected to bounce right back to very best and is therefore the first suggestion. NIGHTDANCE MAN (4) is never too far adrift the winners and has done fairly well in competitive Handicaps. He can go close. ROMANELLO (5) is making us wait for the next win but has been putting in some encouraging attempts. One for the shortlist and all bets. BOCCIATORE (3) can do way better and has a firm place chance.

SELECTIONS

SHANGHAI SPIRIT (9) - NIGHTDANCE MAN (4) - ROMANELLO (5) - BOCCIATORE (3)

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C7 - PRIX DU CARREFOUR DE CHARLET - 2100m (a1m 1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 21,000

1. **SUNWHITE** - Caught the eye when placing fifth over 2100m at Pornichet last time. A must for all bets. Strong each way chance
2. **VENICE WAY** - Never far off the action, penultimate fifth over 2500m at Deauville in a Handicap is what catches the attention. More needed for the win but is a quartet perm inclusion
3. **BLACK HILLS** - Finished ninth over 2500m at Deauville last month in a Handicap and needs to do much more to win this. Happy to ignore
4. **ATACAMA DU MAZET** - Has shown very little in all three starts to date but could have some improvement to come. Rather wait for the progression if it comes. Pass by
5. **KUP DAVIS** - Last few runs have been very disappointing. Finished near last, last time at Deauville over 2500m and would be a shock winner. Many others should beat her
6. **MYRIADE** - She finished fourth over 1900m in a Handicap at this track last time. Makes her 2024 debut and must be respected. Can win
7. **ARYA** - Lightly raced, fair fifth last time over 2500m at Deauville earlier this month in a Handicap and can get a tad closer now. Place value choice
8. **SWEET LULLABY** - Has not shown very much thus far and will need to progress on recent eighth place. Others should have her measure in this contest and can be ignored
9. **ELZE** - Might still be able to improve on what we have seen in all three runs. Wait for improvement. Needs improvement. Happy to pass by
10. **LES EMBRUNS** - Form has been on the decline over various distances and race courses and seems to be battling to progress. Unlikely winner
11. **NAIADE** - Needs to step up to the plate on latest seventh over 1600m at this course earlier this January but far prefer others. Hard to like
12. **ADHAMIY** - Ignore last run when letting the side down badly. Finished second over 1900m in a Handicap at this track late last month. Should be very competitive
13. **PANZER** - Attractive third over 2150m in Handicap company at Lyon La Soie on the 3rd of January and can place again. An outsider that can place
14. **STELLAR JAY** - Ignore last run when downfield, finished second over 1900m in a Handicap at this course earlier this month. The horse to beat
15. **SOIZIYA** - Could only manage sixth last time when seen at this course over 1900m in a Handicap, late last year. Can do better and has a chance
16. **MA BEREZINA** - Finished an uninspiring seventh at Pornichet in December over 3100m and needs to do a lot more to threaten here. Hard to make a case for

Summary: STELLAR JAY (14) is a daughter of Zoffany whom has become a tad erratic to predict. In saying that, her penultimate run at this course was outstanding and on that alone, rates the one to beat. MYRIADE (6) is a filly that is taking time to win the maiden but is earning stake money along the way. She should win soon and has strong each way claims. SUNWHITE (1) is never far adrift the vanguard and therefore a must for the shortlist. Ignore her penultimate run, she is way better than that as her most recent effort suggests. ADHAMIY (12) can be forgiven for the horrible last race and judged on earlier consistent form. Strong chance of placing.

SELECTIONS

STELLAR JAY (14) - MYRIADE (6) - SUNWHITE (1) - ADHAMIY (12)

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C8 - PRIX DU CARREFOUR DE CORMIER - 2100m (a1m 1/4) - ALL WEATHER - Class 3 Divided Handicap - Flat - EUR € 23,000

1. **LIMERICK BOUND** - Holding form, won penultimate, placed second on the 30th December over 1900m in a Handicap at this venue and has strong claims. Big each way
2. **ST PANTALEON** - Won well last time over 2400m at Lyon La Soie in a Handicap earlier this month and can follow up. An outsider that can follow up
3. **EDEN** - Ignore last run when downfield, was a winner before that over 1900m at Chantilly. Big runner
4. **GUITRY** - Finished sixth last time but ignore that and look at the penultimate second over 1900m at Deauville. Others preferred but has an outside place chance
5. **TALK SHOW** - Placed fourth over 1900m in a tough Handicap here at this track in December and is a must for all bets. Place proposition
6. **GOLDEN RIVER** - Encouraging performance last time when racing over 1800m in Handicap company at Lyon La Soie and can go one better. Serious claims
7. **SAMBA** - A filly that has ability despite being a one time winner. Placed second at this track last time over 1900m in a Handicap. The one to beat and could be tough to beat
8. **VEDAMIYA** - Won well against weaker over 1900m at this track in December albeit in a much weaker category. Will need to improve to win but could lurk into the places
9. **DARK ZEL** - Can build on most recent run when seventh over 1900m in a Handicap in December. Good each way chance
10. **AL ALAALI** - Has not won yet but caught the attention when third over 1900m in a Handicap here in late December. More needed for the win but has a strong place chance
11. **UNIQA** - Lightly raced and might still have something to offer but on what we have seen thus far, unlikely. Pass by
12. **LEWIS CHOP** - Finished ninth over 2100m at Pornichet last time and needs serious improvement on that to feature here. Happy to ignore
13. **IANOVKA** - Ignore last run when running at the back of the field, placed second over 1900m in a Handicap before that and has a say here. Include in all bets
14. **HADLEIGH** - Finished sixth over 2700m in a Handicap race here on the 13th of January and can build on that. Will need to. Prefer others
15. **PAVLOVA DU BERLAIS** - Current form has been on the decline therefore making it tough to make a case for her and cannot be fancied. Ignore from all bets
16. **ZELZEFYR** - Placed fifth over 1800m last time in a Handicap at Lyon La Soie and needs to build a lot one that to feature. An outsider that has it all to do

Summary: SAMBA (7) brings exciting form into the race and she looks ready to dance into the winners enclosure! Her last run was sparkling in a competitive Handicap over 1900m at this venue so she should get a smooth run in transit. She is confidently selected to go one better. LIMERICK BOUND (1) is clearly loving it local. His form shouts that. He ran an absolute cracker last time and would not be out of place in the winners enclosure. DARK ZEL (9) is testing our patience for the win, can be forgiven for her last performance and has a trifecta chance today. EDEN (3) can make her presence felt at the finish and is a must for every quartet perm.

SELECTIONS

SAMBA (7) - LIMERICK BOUND (1) - DARK ZEL (9) - EDEN (3)